

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) An installation for intermediate storage of flat articles, the installation comprising stations (1) for establishing storage formations each comprising a multitude of articles, and for dissolving storage formations, mobile supporting elements (2) for storage formations and storage spaces (2.1, 2.2) for supporting elements (2) with or without storage formation as well as means for positioning and retrieving supporting elements (2) in and from stations (1) and storage spaces (2.1, 2.2) and transporting said supporting elements (2) between stations (1) and storage spaces (2.1, 2.2), wherein the storage spaces (2.1, 2.2) are situated on a plurality of primary transport paths (3) and entrances of the stations (1) at ends of primary transport paths (3), at least a part of the primary transport paths (3) intersect a secondary transport path (4), and the installation further comprises at least one actively displaceable positioning device (5) for retrieving, by pulling, and for positioning, by pushing, one supporting element (2) and for transporting the supporting element (2) along the primary transport paths and at least one actively displaceable orienting device (6, 6') for transporting one positioning device with or without supporting element (2) along the secondary transport path (4) and for re-orienting the one positioning device (5).
  2. (amended) The installation according to claim 1, wherein the primary transport paths (3) run parallel to one another and transverse to the at least one secondary transport path (4).
  3. (amended) The installation according to claim 1, wherein the at least one positioning device (5) is an elevating truck (20) with a forklift (21).
  4. (amended) The installation according to claim 1, wherein the at least one positioning device (5) is displaceable along guide means.
  5. (amended) The installation according to claim 4, characterized in that the guide means

are rails or electrical guide lines.

6. (amended) The installation according to claim 1, wherein the at least one orienting device (6, 6') comprises means for holding the positioning device (5) and means for rotating the positioning device (5) around a vertical rotation axis (B).
7. (amended) The installation according to claim 6, wherein the means for rotating around a vertical axis (B) comprise a rotatable supporting frame (32) suspended from a supporting beam (30).
8. (amended) The installation according to claim 7, wherein the vertical axis (B) passes through the area of the center of gravity of the positioning device (5) being carried by the orienting device (6) and being loaded with a supporting element (2) with a storage formation.
9. (amended) The installation according to claim 6, wherein the at least one orienting device (6, 6') is designed for simultaneously re-orienting and transporting the one positioning device (5.1) together with a further positioning device (5.2).
10. (amended) The installation according to claim 9, wherein the vertical axis (B) is positioned between the two positioning devices (5.1, 5.2) carried by the orienting device (6').
11. (amended) The installation according to claim 6, wherein the means for holding comprises a supporting frame (32) and a running substratum (33) arranged in the lower zone of the supporting frame (32), wherein the running substratum (33) is designed in such a manner, that the positioning device (5) is displaceable on it.
12. (amended) The installation according to claim 6, wherein the at least one orienting device (6, 6') additionally comprises means for elevating or lowering the positioning device (5).
13. (amended) The installation according to claim 12, wherein the means for elevating or

lowering comprises a plurality of chain hoists (40), which are synchronously driven and coupled with the supporting beam (30).

14. (amended) The installation according to claim 1, wherein the orienting device (6, 6') is movable along a pair of rails (31).
15. (amended) The installation according to claim 1, wherein the device additionally comprises at least one tertiary partial device (10) for transporting orienting devices (6, 6') along tertiary transport paths.
16. (amended) The installation according to claim 15, wherein the at least one tertiary partial device (10) is an elevator.
17. (amended) The installation according to claim 1, wherein the stations (1) for establishing or dissolving storage formations are arranged in the area of a first secondary transport path (4.1) and that at least one further, secondary transport path (4.2), parallel to the first secondary transport path (4.1), is provided.
18. (amended) The installation according to claim 1, wherein the storage formations are imbricated formations of flat articles wound onto roll cores (11) and the stations (1) are winding stations.
19. (amended) The installation according to claim 18, wherein the supporting elements (2) are roll stands with roll cores (11) rotatably installed thereon.